Finance Institutions with the Mainstream banking; Improved Deployment of Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF).

3. Institutional Architecture include: Federations of

Farmers-Self Help Groups (SHGs)

4. Risk Mitigation Measures include:

Crop Insurance, Weather Insurance, Price Risk Mitigation; Variable Tariff; Crop Surveillance; Mitigating Risks from Spurious Inputs; Strengthening of Research and Extension Services.

5. Other Measures include:

Expanding Livelihood Base and Rural Health Facilities.

Half price for farmer's products

1957. MS. SUSHILATIRIYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers get just half the price that consumers pay for their produce;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (c) In a study on market margins for some crops conducted through out the country during 2004-05, it was found that producer's share in consumer's price for paddy/rice varies from 81.49 per cent in Chhattisgarh State to 61.79 per cent in Karnataka. For wheat, it varies between 85.73 per cent in Rajasthan to 62.47 per cent in Karnataka. The Government fixes Minimum Support Price (MSP) for major crops, so that farmers get remunerative price for their produce. Also, the Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee (APMC) Act has been amended to benefit the farmers to realize better prices.

Ban on use of chemical fertilizer and pesticides

†1958. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether keeping in view the problem of water, Government is considering upon any plan regarding imposing ban on the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides and encourgaing the usage of bio-manures;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor, whereas use of pesticides in developed countries is already banned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government regarding imposing ban on chemical fertilizers and pesticides, except those pesticides banned as per

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.